

TAX AVOIDANCE

IT STINKS!



The Chairman of John Wood plc, Sir Ian Wood, recently oversaw the transfer of employees from Wood Group Engineering [North Sea] Ltd to an office in Guernsey, though in reality all issues will continue to be dealt with in Aberdeen. The new company will be called – Wood Group Offshore Services Limited.

Why did this happen? Tax Avoidance that's why!

By transferring all employees to a 'tax haven', Wood Group Offshore Services Limited will avoid paying Employer National Insurance contributions equal to 13.8% of pay roll costs. Using a conservative estimate, this transfer will deny the state purse of over £15 million per year, vital funds which would normally go to our hospitals, schools, care homes, council services and the like.



**CAN PAY . . .
WON'T PAY!**





The drivers of this kind of tax avoidance are the fat cat oil company bosses with their noses stuck in the trough - they are the real problem!

Tax avoidance in the oil industry has gone on for years with the majority of the offshore contractors now avoiding paying Employer National Insurance contributions to the tune of over £200 million per year!

RMT wants this stopped . . . NOW!

Sir Ian says he'll donate £50 million of his own money to a project in Aberdeen to raise Union Terrace Gardens, but who will pay the bulk of the project costs?

YOU! As a tax payer your money will cover the cost of this project, but the Chair of a tax dodging company will have his name all over it, his legacy to the city!
RMT says NO!

Keep your £50 million Sir Ian and instead get your company and the rest of the UK industry to pay their taxes. Either that, or donate your £50 million to the public services of Aberdeen and do something meaningful for the citizens of the city.

Tax Avoidance by the cash rich oil and gas industry is creating more misery for the honest hard working taxpayers of this country and it's time for change. As offshore workers we know all this, it's time the public at large did too which is why RMT is raising awareness.

**Support RMT's campaign – Stop tax avoidance
Stop the cuts to public services – NOW!**